

Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; H.R. 2048, amended, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; H.R. 2696, amended, Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2003; and H.R. 3062, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas.

**RESOLUTION—RECOMMIT CONFERENCE
REPORT TO ACCOMPANY FLIGHT 100—
CENTURY OF AVIATION
REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that upon adoption of the rule, the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115, Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, shall be recommitted to the conference committee. Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2115, Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act.

**OVERSIGHT—REPORT ON SAFETY OF
FAA'S CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on the DOT Inspector General's September 4th Report on the Safety of the FAA's Contract Tower Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, FAA; and Kenneth R. Mead, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ISSUES**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 587, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to add Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties, Ohio, to the Appalachian region; H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia; H.R. 1274, amended, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county; H.R. 1702, to designate the Federal building which is to be constructed at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building," and a measure reauthorizing the prehazard mitigation program.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Emergency Preparedness Issues. Testimony was heard from Ron Castleman, Chief Operating Officer, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Chad Berginnis, Supervisor, Division of Water, Department of Natural Resources, State of Ohio; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider Committee business.

GLOBAL HUMINT STRATEGIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Global HUMINT Strategies. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

JOINT INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security and the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a joint hearing on Joint Inquiry Recommendations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Disease Surveillance Systems: How Can They Help the Nation Prepare for Bioterrorism?" Testimony was heard from Joseph Henderson, Associate Director, Terrorism Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Director, Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to continue hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2004 supplemental request for Iraq and Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine ongoing operations and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives in the terror finance program, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine scientific and medical advances in the field of in utero surgery, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Eugene Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Ireland, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to reauthorize the Head Start program, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1451, to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, S. 1293, to criminalize the sending of predatory and abusive e-mail, S. 1580, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, S. Res. 209, recognizing and honoring Woodstock, Vermont, native Hiram Powers for his extraordinary and enduring contributions to American sculpture, S. Res. 222, designating October 17, 2003, as "National Mammography Day", S. Res. 98, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week", and the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Carlos T. Bea, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Marcia A. Crone, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Phillip S. Figa, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, William Q. Hayes, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, John A. Houston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Robert Clive Jones, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Ronald A. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and John Francis Bardelli, to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on United States policy and operations in Iraq, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following: H.R. 3076, Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003; H.R. 3077, International Studies in Higher Education Act of 2003; H.R. 3030, Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003; and H. Con. Res. 282, honoring the life of Johnny Cash, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Freddie Mac: Accounting Standards Issues Raised in the Doty Report," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for

testimony in connection with the Committee's investigation into the financial collapse of HealthSouth Corporation, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the following: H.R. 2575, Secondary Mortgage Market Enterprises Regulatory Improvement Act; and the Administration's proposals on GSE regulation, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 1151, to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities; H.R. 1231, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; H.R. 3054, District of Columbia Military Retirement Equity Act of 2003; H. Con. Res. 273, recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions; and the Government Network Security Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H. Res. 364, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution the report prepared for the Joint Chiefs of Staff entitled "Operation Iraqi Freedom Strategic Lessons Learned;" and documents in his possession on the reconstruction and security of post-war Iraq; a measure to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; H. Con. Res. 274, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy; H.R. 2264m Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2003; H. Res. 372, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the murder of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh; and H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the man-made famine that occurred in Ukraine 1932-1933, 1:30 p.m., and to hold a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "The Toxic Release Inventory and its Impact on Federal Minerals and Energy," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 2501, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC-07P; H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2623, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; and H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit

P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P; followed by mark up of H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up H.R. 2828, Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Keeping the Lights on: Removing Barriers to Technology to Prevent Blackouts, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Future of Rural Telecommunications: Is the Universal Service Fund Sustainable?" 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Life Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., 334 Canon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the SSA's Management of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection and the Terrorist Threat Integration Center, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.